



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James N. Ray Art Unit: 1762
Serial No.: 10/726,358 Examiner: Brenda Adele Lamb
Filing date: December 3, 2003
For: CELLULOSE PRESERVATIVE METHOD AND APPARATUS

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application for patent as indicated herein in response to the Official Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on July 20, 2004, with respect to this case.

The drawing has been amended to better reflect claimed subject matter.

A drawing replacement sheet and an annotated sheet is submitted herewith.

The specification has been amended to recite a reference numeral that has been added to the drawing.

A separate sheet with the full text of a replacement paragraph for the specification is submitted herewith.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to define applicant's invention with greater clarity.

A claim listing presenting amended claims 9 and 12 is submitted herewith and the status of claims 1 through 8, inclusive, and 10, 11, 13 and 14, also is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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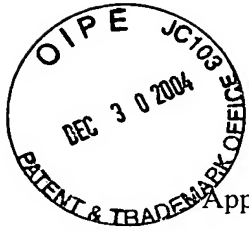
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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, lines 1 through 4, inclusive, delete the entire paragraph and replace with the following replacement paragraph:

With respect to the step of draining the pressure vessel 31 at the end of the preservative treatment process, it has been found, in accordance with another feature of the invention, preferably to provide a separate discharge pump 50 to evacuate the mixture from the pressure vessel 31.